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2488-1-011**REMARKS**

At the outset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview with the undersigned on November 24, 2008, wherein amendments to the claims were discussed. In brief, the potential for rejection of some of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, and issues relating to putative prior art rejections were discussed. The claims are amended herein in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions. The Examiner's guidance in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1-9 are currently pending. Claims 1-5 are amended herein to clarify aspects of the invention. Claims 6-9 are canceled herein without prejudice. Claim 10 was previously canceled. New claims 11-15 are presented herein. Accordingly, instant claims 1-5 and new claims 11-15 are under consideration.

Support for the amendments to the claims is found throughout the specification and in the original claims. More specifically, support for amendment to claim 1 is found, for example, in original claims 2, 3, 8, and 9 and in Example 1 of the specification, see for example page 15, lines 5-8 and Figures 1 and 4. Support for amendment to claims 2, 4, and 5 is found, for example, in original claim 8. Support for amendment to claim 3 is found, for example, in original claim 3 and in the specification at page 15, lines 5-8 and in Figures 1 and 4. No issue of new matter is introduced by the amendments to the claims.

Support for new claims 11-15 is found throughout the specification and in the original claims. More specifically, support for new claim 11 is presented, for example, in original claims 1, 3, and 9 and in Example 1 of the specification, see for example page 15, lines 5-8 and Figures 1 and 4. Support for new claims 12-14 is found in original claims 1 and 8. Support for new claim 15 is found, for example, in original claim 3. No issue of new matter is introduced by the amendments to the claims.

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No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by this amendment. However, should this be an error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

Conclusion

It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced. From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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